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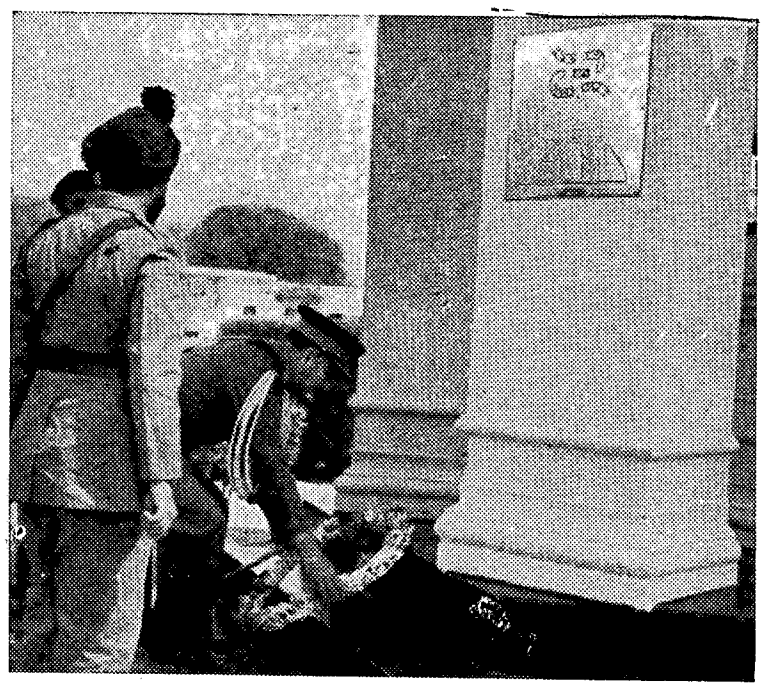

The Rajput Regiment held its second post-war reunion at its Centre at Fatehgarh on Monday. Lt-Gen. Sant Singh, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, who took part in the celebrations is seen in the photograph placing a wreath on the Regiment's War M[illegible]

MOCK BATTLES FOUGHT AT FATEHGARH

From Our Correspondent

FATEHGARH, Mar 20.—A torch-light display last night was the last but the most impressive event in the programme arranged by the Rajput Regimental Centre on the occasion of their reunion celebrations.

The army men marched with glowing torches in their hands through the profusely illuminated Ballie Gate.

After the trooping of the colour by the recruits from the local centre, a Maratha display of acrobatic exercises called "Malkham" formed the main feature of the programme. An excellent PT display was next held.

Mock battles were also fought troops dressed as those of the East India Company fought the "army" of the Muslim King, Shah Alam, to show the technique of 19th century warfare in contrast to a modern battle shown with Sten-guns, machine-guns, grenades, etc.

Among the cultural items were folk dances of the Punjab, Rajputana and Bengal besides the display of Brijbasi dances of U.P.

Earlier in the day, Lt-Gen Sant Singh, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, took the salute at a march-past organized on the Diggi ground.